

COUNCIL FOR
CANADIAN
AMERICAN
RELATIONS
50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

CROSS-BORDER FRIENDSHIP THROUGH THE ARTS

GUESTS FROM ACROSS THE U.S. AND CANADA GATHERED IN NEW YORK CITY TO HONOR DARREN WALKER, KAREN KAIN, PIERRE LASSONDE, AND NADA RISTICH



Karen Kain, Darren Walker

CCAR hosted its **50th Anniversary Gala** at a Black-Tie Dinner in New York City on October 25th. 300 guests attended from across the United States and Canada. The **Awards for Distinguished Contributions to the Arts** in Canada and the United States were presented to **Karen Kain**, legendary Canadian ballet icon and **Darren Walker**, President, Ford Foundation and longstanding contributor to the arts. Canadian businessman and philanthropist **Pierre Lassonde** received the Council's



**Pierre Lassonde,
Nada Ristich**

Arts Patronage Award. Special Recognition was provided to **Nada Ristich, BMO Financial Group**. Emcee **Ambassador Bruce Heyman** returned to the stage following his presentation to **Frank O. Gehry** at the organization's 40th Anniversary Gala. Award

presenters were **Jo Carole Lauder**, Chairman of the Board of the Foundation for Art and Preservation in the Embassies (FAPE) and CCAR's 2019 Gala Honoree; **David Binet**, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Woodbridge Company Limited and CCAR Chair; **Catherine Loubier**, former Quebec Delegate General in New York and CCAR's 2019 Gala Award Presenter to **Guy Laliberté**; and **Barry Hughson**, Executive Director, The National Ballet of Canada. Gala guests included cross-border leaders in the fields of arts and culture, business, philanthropy and public life.



Jo Carole Lauder, Darren Walker



Consul General André Frenette, Duncan Cameron, Ambassador Kirsten Hillman, Ambassador Bruce Heyman, Vicki Heyman



Cesar Conde



Jo Carole Lauder, David Binet



Ambassador Bob Rae



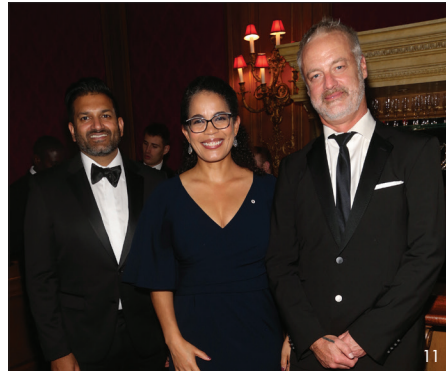
Jay Smith, Laura Rapp



Bob Rennie, Dawoud Bey



Kevin Morris, Victoria Jackman, Vita Jackman Kuwabara



Omar Gandhi, Angela Cassie, Rob Sobey



Kent Monkman



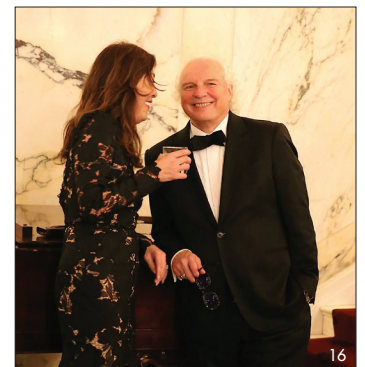
Catherine Loubier, Pierre Lassonde



Karen Kain, David Mirvish



Ken Lum, The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson



Jae Kim, Ivan Fecan